

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS
(Overseas Writers)
on 17 April 1956

1. Norway and Denmark are members of NATO but won't let NATO forces use their air bases or naval or other installations; Iceland wants NATO (U.S. forces) to leave. What do we do re Norway, Denmark, and Iceland to have them take a more firm pro-Western stand?
2. Malenkov had high propaganda success in England, preparing the way for Khrushchev and Bulganin. Why don't we have Nixon or John Foster Dulles or some other high dignitary present in England at the same time as the top Rusksies and attend festivities they attend -- divide the limelight?
3. General Gruenther's recent statement in the West German press re the defense system of NATO alarmed Germans, Belgians, and the Dutch. His statement was bad U.S. propaganda. What control does the U.S. exercise over public announcements by Gruenther?
4. Pinard's visit to Cairo and Mollet's anti-U.S. press interviews appear to have the French seeking solace in the East against its Western allies. How do you counter?
5. Should the U.S. be organizing an atmosphere of friendliness in Tunis and Morocco preliminary to inviting them into NATO, the latter being a Senator Mansfield recommendation? So as to help keep our bases there?
6. Shouldn't the U.S. be more liberal right now with funds to Iraq so as to help it overcome opposition from the other Arab states by making it stronger economically? The Baghdad Pact has isolated Iraq but she is still pro-Western though under strong Communist and Arab political attacks. Shouldn't we give her help NOW?
7. How do you account for the defeat of the anti-Communist government in Ceylon, a country that has kept out Communist diplomats, Communist embassies, and cultural missions and that has been strongly pro-Western? With a pro-Communist Premier in power, what do we do to prevent the loss of British naval and air bases there?
8. Are the Russians aiming at a Balkan Entente under the aegis of Moscow? Tito is being courted by the de-Stalinization of Communism so as to overcome the feeling of the detente of 1949. Does this mean that the Western world will make inroads in Albania, Roumania, and Bulgaria if the Soviets modify their relations with these satellites?
9. Will you discuss the Soviet guided missile and rocket position vis-a-vis the United States?
10. Is "neutralism" to be the most effective Communist weapon in its political efforts to control of the world?

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

The Overseas Writers luncheon on the 17th of April 1956 will be in the Carlton Room of the Carlton Hotel. [] is handling arrangements.

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12:45 P.M. is starting time and "2:30 or later" is closing time.

Your talk will be "firm background"--nothing on the record but they can use on their own and not with any attribution anything said. Nothing to be written until 48 hours after the talk.

It is suggested that you would talk for not more than 20 minutes, then answer questions.

Herewith a brief opener and list of some possible questions.

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